

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

ORDER

WOLF, D.J. September 2, 2011

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In connection with the September 8, 2011 sentencing of defendants Salvatore DiMasi and Richard McDonough, the court has received many letters on behalf of the defendants, which have been transmitted by their counsel to Probation or directly to the court. Some of the letters are referenced in defendants' sentencing memoranda. The court expects that they will also be discussed at the sentencing hearing. As the letters were not, however, attached to defendants' sentencing memoranda, they have not been docketed and made part of the public record.

A member of the media has requested access to the letters. Although letters on behalf of defendants are not always made part of the public record, because in this case many are already referenced in the public record and the court is being asked to rely on all of them, it is inclined to grant that media request. However, it wishes to provide the parties an opportunity to address this question.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall, by

12:00 noon on September 6, 2011, state whether they object to the letters being made part of the public record and, if so, state the basis for their objection(s). They may also submit redacted versions of letters for the court's consideration. Copies of the parties' submissions shall be provided to Probation.

Alane S. Varney
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE